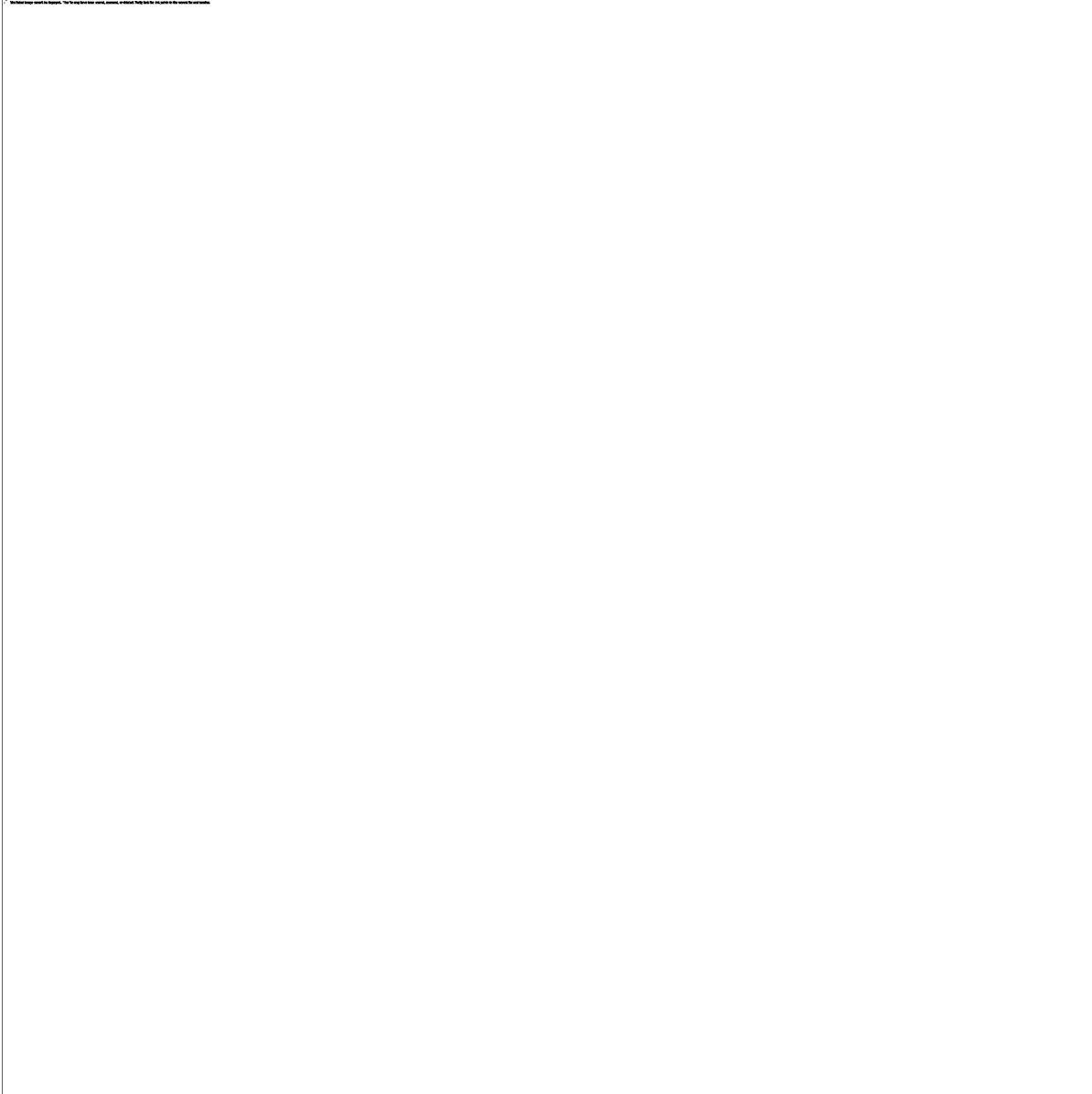


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New York Plans To Sue EPA Over Certifying Upper Hudson Cleanup Complete

New York is planning to sue EPA over its decision to certify the upper portion of the Hudson River cleanup as complete even though the agency left the door open to additional future cleanup requirements by issuing a separate review that defers until a future date whether the cleanup is “protective.”

EPA Expands Air Data Waivers For ‘Exceptional’ Events, Sparking Criticism

EPA has expanded the scope of possible situations where states and industry can exclude air monitoring data showing violations of federal air quality standards from regulatory determinations on Clean Air Act compliance, prompting warnings from one environmentalist that the action is unlawful, though states are welcoming the new policy.

Oil & Gas Sector Faces New Scrutiny Over Air Pollution In Western States

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Daily Feed

EPA's final GHG inventory confirms slight emissions cut

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House Democrats launch inquiry on EPA ties to utility group

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Ewire: Senators float carbon measures but face slim odds

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